



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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## Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



A young scholar from New York was invited to become Rabbi in a small old community in Chicago. On his very first Shabbat, a hot debate erupted as to whether one should or should not stand during the reading of the Ten Commandments.

The next day, the rabbi visited the oldest member - 98-year-old Mr. Katz in the nursing home. The Rabbi asked him: "What is our synagogue's custom during the reading of the Ten Commandments?" "Why do you ask?" asked Mr. Katz. "Yesterday we read the Ten Commandments. Some people stood, some people sat. The ones standing started screaming at the ones sitting, telling them to stand up. The ones sitting started screaming at the ones standing, telling them to sit down..." "That," said the old man, "is our custom." Alas, too often in our fragmented world this appears to be the custom of handling differences and conflict whether in politics, religion, cultural customs or respect for symbols. The ancient pronouncement of "Peace on earth, goodwill to all people" would appear to be little more than an announcement of jaded hope.

Rotary has early on, and more recently in the last thirteen years, sought to partner with the United Nations and world leaders in seeking peace. Rotary President Ian Riseley has

challenged us to be "People of Action: Champions of Peace." Ed Futa, the dean of the Rotary Representatives to the United Nations for 2017, has fleshed out this challenge in his statements that Rotarians "can transform a concept like peace to a reality through service" and "peace needs to be lived rather than preached." How can one live out peace in the midst of so much conflict? Consider these thoughts: peace is not necessarily the absence of conflict, but rather the spirit in which we deal with conflict; there is often a possible compromise without losing one's convictions; unity does not have to have uniformity; and there can be a mutual respect of others from ALL cultures, faiths and political persuasions. These principles and the appeal to service can bring Rotary together, whether one believes that God had no son and demands absolute submission or believes that God had a Son given to bring peace or believes that God is a Force in all of nature or believes that there is no God at all. And if we discover in our traditions a lack of inner ability to be a "champion of peace," perhaps there would be merit in this season of the year to explore the possibility, if not confirm, a Prince of Peace who has come to transform us so that there can be peace on earth, good will to all people. To this end may you have a Merry Christmas, or Happy Hanukkah or Happy Festivus or Happy Kwanza! May we be Champions of Peace!



the \$10 being asked to be seated. Later in his life he met then-President Kennedy and the President remembered him and said "Iowa" as he shook his hand, which made David very happy to know he remembered him.

After leaving the idea of becoming a doctor and signing up for the Van Allen class at University of Iowa, this led to jobs in Washington DC during the Vietnam war

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## Scribbles...

### David Crandall Kennedy Assassination

David gave us some of his personal history about his powers of observation and how that helped lead him into the science, space, and weather types of engineering instead of becoming a doctor. He had some humorous tidbits about the University of Iowa and his undergraduate and graduate experiences. One of his memories was about then "Senator" Jack Kennedy coming to the University. Back in those days the students did not have money to spend on being seated to hear from a young senator speak. David related they didn't have

December 8, 2017

### This Week's Program:

Teach A Child To Farm  
Plus Elections!

Arranged By:

Wendi Wilson

Greeter:

John Waldron

Invocation:

Kasey Vogel

Sergeant:

Bill Corwin

Scribe:

Helen Turner

### 2017-18 Officers & Directors

Leray Glendenning, President

Penny Luthens, President Elect

Bill Corwin, Treasurer

Dianne D-Nelson, Secretary

Doyle Sanders, Rotary Foundation

Wendi Wilson, Int' Service

Ed Arnold - Membership

Mark McAndrews, Youth Services

Kasey Vogel, Public Image

Beth Goedken, Programs

Brenda A-M, Past President

### Future Programs

12/15: No Meeting

12/22: No Meeting

12/29: Iowa Wolves

1/5: Luncheon at  
Courage League Sports

## Other Locations

### Monday

West Polk County, Toyota of Des Moines, (Noon)

### Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)

Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)

Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)

Norwalk, Echo Valley Golf Course, (6:30 am)

West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

### Wednesday

East Polk County, Prairie Meadows, (7:00 am)

Adel, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (Noon)

The Greater Des Moines Club, check the District 6000 website for time and location

### Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)

Des Moines, Wakonda Club, (Noon)

Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)

### Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)

## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Dinner/Party

Monday, December 11th

Jolly Holiday Lights Tuesday, December 12th

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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## This & That

### 'Tis the Season!

... for ... well of course that too, but also for electing our Directors and President – Elect for the fiscal year 2018-19 which begins on July 1, 2018. This week at our regular meeting each member will receive a ballot for this purpose. We will be electing three Directors. The following have accepted the nomination for their respective positions. Directors: Brenda Auxier-Mailey (Incumbent); William D. Corwin, (Jr.); Bob Moore; Larry Sample; Helen Turner; Kasey Vogel (Incumbent); President-Elect: Beth Goedken. Thank you to all of these for their willingness to serve!

## Scribbles continued

and helping with scientific logistics that protected the soldiers as they deployed into action. He worked in top secret missions and was moved around to many locations to complete the work assignments. He feared at one point that his wife would leave him because she was alone much of the time while he was on these various job assignments.

David had serious memories and also poignant memories of his experiences and the people he was proud to serve with. Thanks for sharing David.

Scribe, Julia Taylor

## JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

Monday, December 11th

At the FFA enrichment center on the DMACC ankeny campus  
6:00 Social and 6:45 Dinner

## NOW'S THE TIME!

Join other Rotary Members and donate \$147 to purchase a Buffalo Bicycle to honor our good friend Chuck!



# WORLD BICYCLE RELIEF

## Future Information



### Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Dec 15 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Dec 22 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Dec 29 - Iowa Wolves	Larry Sample	Rod Ruppel	Bob Moore	Wendi Wilson
<p><i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Leray by finding your substitute!</p> <p>Email that information to lglandenni@aol.com also please cc Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski - jmercerc-klimowski@emcnl.com.</p>				